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FEWER AND BETTER LAWYERS NEEDED

SUGGESTION MADE TO LIMIT THEM TO ONE PER 5,000 POPULATION.

Fort Worth, Texas.—Limiting the number of lawyers to one for every five thousand population, eliminating them entirely from one branch of the Legislature, paying them a salary and putting them under bond, are among the suggestions offered by Geo. W. Armstrong, a prominent business man of this city, in a communication to the Texas Economic League, which is carrying on an extended discussion of the Administration of Justice. His communication says, among other things:

"The lawyer is alone responsible for the law's delay; for the non-enforcement of the criminal laws; and for the technicalities by which the ends of Justice are more often defeated than promoted; and for the fact that the law, growing faster year by year, until even lawyers themselves do not know the law. The tariff, the trust, the tax, and the various other problems that confront us are all lawyer-made, lawyer-interpreted, and lawyer-enforced. On the other hand, the lawyer, the governing class of society, is not entitled to full credit for our Republican institutions; for he has responded grudgingly to the demands of the people for liberty. He is day by day and year by year increasing his power and restricting the liberty of the citizen."

"It was formerly a Democratic axiom that the best governed people are those who are least governed. The reverse now is true. Paternalism is the tendency and the goal, with the lawyer as the administrator. One step constitutes a precedent for another, and step by step he is constantly and relentlessly encroaching upon civil liberty, and is making himself the master."

"I do not mean to say that the lawyer is designedly usurping power. Perhaps most of our needless laws and endless regulations are inaugurated by ambitious lawyers for advertising and vote-catching purposes; but I do assert that whatever may be the motive, there is a constant and ever-increasing invasion of the rights of the citizen, and that the responsible cause is the office-seeking lawyer-politician, who is also the beneficiary both in power and profit. He not only now files the various public office—legislative, judicial and executive—but he is necessary to the guidance of every business institution of consequence, and even under his direction, they do not always escape the tolls of the law."

"Fully three-fourths of our Presidents and public service commissioners have been lawyers, and all of our judges. We are truly a government of the lawyers, and by the lawyers, and very largely for the lawyers. The situation is becoming intolerable, and it demands heroic treatment. Nothing short of radicalism will avail. No substantial reform can be expected from the lawyer. He prides himself on his conservatism, but, as a matter of fact, he is a slave to precedent. It is rare that any class or organization reforms itself. The lawyer is strong on regulating and reforming other lines of business, but never his own. We have plead in vain for a simpler, more speedy, and more inexpensive administration of law; the non-enforcement of the criminal laws, which are especially designed for the protection of criminals, is a disgrace to our civilization, but there is no prospect of relief from the lawyer. Necessity drives many of them into politics and into disreputable practices and cunning and greed tempt others. The cause is, too many lawyers, and the remedy is obviously to reduce the number. Apparently, it is quite simple, but it will be no easy job, because they are in control of the machinery of government. They will find all sorts of Constitutional objections to any limitation of their prerogatives and perquisites. The law of supply and demand has no application to the lawyer, because of the false glamour surrounding the profession."

"There should not be more than one lawyer to each 5,000 population, and this should be enforced by a licensing board composed entirely of laymen. This number is ample to settle all disputes in a righteous way, and it will not leave a surplus to stir up strife and to fill all the offices. It will cause many of our bright young men, who are attracted to the law because it is the recognized highway to political preferment, to choose farming, mechanics, or some other useful occupation. I would suggest, too, that at least one branch of the legislature should be entirely free of lawyers. There should be a State attorney, paid by the State, to defend as well as prosecute criminals, and no lawyer should be allowed to take a fee, either to prosecute or defend. I doubt the wisdom of the fee system in its entirety. Certainly the contingent fee is indefensible."

"The tax payer pays the expenses of the courts and juries, and maintains the court house in part for the lawyer's use. They are theoretically officers of the court; make them so in fact by paying them a salary and putting them under bond."

"ONLY TWO REAL LAWS IN TEXAS STATUTES"

'EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY AND PERMANENT WAREHOUSE ACTS.'

Houston, Texas.—That the Employers' Liability Act and the Permanent Warehouse Law are the only two pieces of constructive legislation now on the statute books of Texas is the charge of J. S. Cullinan, chairman of the Texas Economic League, in a statement in which he says:

"We have upon the statute books of Texas at this time only two pieces of constructive legislation capable of maximum efficiency in administration. They are the Employers' Liability Act and the Permanent Warehouse Law. Both of these laws represent a type of co-operative legislation, in which the citizen has a part in the administration of law. They call upon the business genius of the day to solve business problems, and appeal to the citizenship for co-operation in instituting collective economies and encouraging fair dealings between man and man, and between any one line of business and that of associated industries. Having had some experience in dealing with large business problems, and having made observations from points that admit of a wide horizon of vision, I have formed very definite conclusions as to the difficulties and remedies that confront our Government in the development of industry."

Law Seeks Common Result. "The result which both these laws seek is identical with that of the anti-trust law; to wit, to prevent unfair transactions. A comparison of the operation of these laws, both as to methods and results, with that of the anti-trust law is therefore instructive."

"Perhaps no line of industry yields more readily to price-fixing than liability insurance, and probably few established lines of business yielded higher profits than those enjoyed by the old-line companies at the time this act was placed upon the statute books. Since the formation of the Texas Employers' Insurance Association, the rates have been reduced approximately one-third, and the amount of compensation received by the injured employee is estimated to have doubled, and no business has been penalized or discredited. This happy result has been accomplished by reducing the rates of insurance to reasonable profits, and eliminating the lawyers' fees. No injured employee insured in the Texas Employers' Insurance Association has ever found it necessary to pay a lawyer one dollar to assist in the settlement; whereas, under the old system the lawyers usually got half the amount awarded the injured party. This law has completely done away with the lawyer dominating business transactions in all matters under its jurisdiction and broken up unfair combinations to fix prices. I consider the legal trust and the business trust the seat of much of the troubles in government and their elimination is possible only through co-operative legislation of the character above mentioned."

"The present anti-trust law has been in force for several years and has been tried out in numerous cases against almost every line of industry in Texas, and while it has commendable purposes, it can not be said that this piece of legislation has influenced the price of the commodity in litigation, which, I take it, is the essential feature of the law. Whether the absence of practical results is due to legislative or administrative defects in the anti-trust law is not a part of this discussion. The point I seek to make is that business legislation, which admits of co-operation of the citizens in its administration, is successful, and that which depends solely upon court decree fails utterly to accomplish results."

Anti-Trust Law.

"I have witnessed the anti-trust law 'gut' the credit of strong business concerns, and leave their securities in blackened ruin; have seen it wreak vengeance upon honest, courageous and capable business men, and leave them dazed, frightened and faltering. I have observed it clutch what the State claimed to be the most vicious criminals in the business annals of America, and then suddenly release them with a paltry compromise. In almost every case industry, Government and the people lost, and no one profited but the lawyers. I believe that strong laws are necessary to prevent criminal acts of strong corporations, and while the anti-trust law may be subject to improvement, it should not be repealed. As I see it, the most important thing lacking in the anti-trust law is sound judgment in its administration. Take the two examples of co-operative legislation which I have mentioned, and the law is administered by business men who use business methods in solving business problems. Under business supervision the overpowering laws of trade are given free operation and compel obedience of all transactions to high standards of integrity. They build industry, make better citizens, increase confidence in Government and faith in our institutions. Our Government must change its policies toward its citizens from one of dictation to co-operation in business affairs if we are to cope with national difficulties and take advantage of world opportunities now confronting us."

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KERN TO NOMINATE MARSHALL

Washington, May 31.—It has been decided that Senator Joseph W. Kern will make the speech renominating Vice President Marshall at St. Louis.

HITCHCOCK DENIES STATEMENT OF PRESS

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, May 31.—Frank H. Hitchcock, who has been in Chicago for several days working in behalf of Associate Justice Hughes, whose friends desire him nominated for president at the republican national convention, issued a statement today denying that he said Hughes would accept the honor if tendered him.

WILSON PREFERS SPEAKER CLARK

Washington, May 31.—President Wilson in a conference with Representative Doremus of Michigan, Senator Taggart of Indiana and Norman Hapgood, organizer of the Wilson non-partisan league, today indicated his preference for Champ Clark as permanent chairman of the St. Louis convention. It is said, however, that Speaker Clark may not go to St. Louis.

DARBY CAHILL ANNOUNCES.

The Eagle is authorized to announce J. J. (Darby) Cahill as a candidate for re-election to the office of commissioner of Precinct No. 3, subject to the action of the July democratic primary.

Mr. Cahill is known personally to every voter in the precinct, as he has resided in same practically all his life. He was born in Bryan but since a small boy, has lived in the Smetana community. He was first appointed commissioner by the court to fill out the unexpired term of his brother, Denny Cahill, deceased, and was elected to the position two years ago. During his tenure of office Mr. Cahill has been punctual in attendance upon all meetings of the court, and prompt in the execution of all other duties incumbent upon him. He is a conservative man, and gives to the business of the county the same careful attention that he gives to his own. He is an ardent advocate of good roads and good bridges and other measures that are calculated to make for the material welfare of the county and add to the comfort and convenience of the people who pay the taxes to support the county government. He does not believe in extravagance, however, especially now since taxes are so high.

If re-elected Mr. Cahill promises to continue to render the very best service of which he is capable and will appreciate the support of his friends and the voters generally. The Eagle takes pleasure in submitting the name and claims of Mr. Cahill to the democrats of Precinct No. 3.

SOME HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Application of Inner Skin of Egg on Bruised Heel Relieves the Pain.

Time is saved by cutting the dough for baking powder biscuits with a knife. The biscuits will be in pretty squares and there will be no waste.

When making pancakes put on tablespoonful of lard in the mixture and you will not have to grease the pan and the cakes will not stick to the pan.

For broken skin on the heel, break a fresh egg, take the inner skin of the same and apply it to the heel, holding it in place for a few minutes. It will adhere to the flesh and relieve the pain.

There are so many uses for mused tissue paper that none should be cast away. It is good for drying mirrors and lamp chimneys and if it is not too much mused, fold it carefully, roll it into a small roll and it will be useful when packing a trunk or grip.

The secret of delicious, crisp Saratoga chips is first to slice them as thin as paper, letting them drop into a pan of cold water. Take them from the water and lay them on a cloth to drain, then drop into boiling hot fat. When they are a golden brown, skim them from the fat and drain on a piece of brown paper. Do not salt until finished.

PROFIT-MAKING HEN.

What is the world's egg-laying record? So far as we have authentic records of yield the honor must go to Lady Englantine, a White Leghorn hen owned by the Delaware Agricultural College. She laid 314 eggs in 365 days.

In the British Columbia egg-laying contest the average number of eggs laid in the year by 246 birds was 165. In the winning pen the average per bird was 223. When we consider that the yield per hen on Canadian farms was only 46 (1911 census) a wide field for practical poultry improvement opens up. It is obvious that like the average cow the average hen is a poor and unprofitable producer. The principles that are being applied in milk production must also be applied to egg production. The hen that does not come up to the standard of profitable performance must be rigidly discarded.—The Agricultural War Book, 1916.

AMUSEMENTS.

Tonight at the Dixie the beautiful and talented little star, Miss Jackie Saunders, in a grand three-act Knickerbocker star feature, "The Flirting Bride," with "Almost Right," a good comedy. Also a beautiful single reel Essanay drama, "Her Realization." Don't fail to see "Jackie" tonight.

One of the best Paramounts of the season at the Queen tomorrow, the great Dustin Farnum in "Ben Blair," from the book. Admission only 15 cents. Saturday brings the sensation of the season to the Queen, the world's greatest swimming and diving girl, Ida Schnall, in "Undine." Remember Saturday afternoon only, the next chapter of "The Goddess," with Anita Stewart and Earle Williams, and at night a big Metro Wonderplay with Harold Lockwood and May Allison in "The Come Back."

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